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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. DULLES



I met with Pete Strobel and his people at 2:00 p.m. this afternoon. They had your letter of 3 August to Mr. Mansure and their attitude was completely friendly.

They offered no objection whatever to the selection of Harrison & Abramovitz. Strobel suggested the possibility of associating de Young, Moscovitz & Rosenberg with Harrison & Abramovitz in lieu of Fred King. I said we felt that Harrison & Abramovitz should have the final say as to what firm they would be associated with, if any. Strobel said that he would be in New York tomorrow and asked if I had any objection to his discussing this matter with Mr. Harrison. I told him that I did not as long as he completely understood that we would defer to Mr. Harrison's judgment in this matter. He thoroughly understood and agreed.

I told Strobel that we would like to proceed with the briefing for Mr. Harrison and his people on next Tuesday. This was also agreed. I also told him that we tentatively planned to have Mr. Harrison's people here for lunch and would like to have him and Len Hunter join us. (I think that we should also invite Fred Poorman who is Strobel's Deputy.)

We also had a general discussion as to how our over-all relations with the architects were to be handled. I will fill you in on this later. However, I was able to insure that it would be a mutually cooperative effort.

The whole business appears to be on the rails. However, I think that one of us should call Mr. Harrison either tonight or tomorrow morning and tell him that Strobel is going to get in touch with him and that if he doesn't agree to Strobel's suggestion for an associate architect he is under no obligation to accept it.

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P.S. I promised Strobel I would consult with you and telephone him in New York tomorrow morning to confirm my statement that it was O.K. for him to see Harrison.

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Mr. Dulles:

Colonel White has left the office to take his family to the airport, and will call you later in the evening at your home to "fill you in" on the attached memorandum.

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